

study of a potential GOCO, which included detailed cost and design estimates. In February of 2001, the Department prepared a comprehensive life cycle cost estimate.

Finally, last July the Pentagon released its latest study, "Report on Biological Warfare Defense Vaccine Research & Development Programs." This study once again came to the same conclusion, was prepared by a team of DOD personnel, industry leaders, and academics, and it included a letter from former Surgeon General David Satcher, in which it endorsed the concept of a GOCO.

Since September 11, the establishment of a GOCO has been recommended by other organizations outside the Department of Defense.

In November of 2001, the Institute of Medicine at the National Academies issued a statement saying:

The establishment of a government-owned, contractor-operated facility for research, development, and production of vaccines is essential.

I repeat, the Institute of Medicine concluded that such a facility is essential. In December of 2001, the Advisory Panel to Assess Domestic Response Capabilities for Terrorism, headed by former Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore, issued a report, with their recommendation:

The establishment of a government-owned, contractor-operated national facility for the research, development and production of

vaccines and therapeutics for specified infectious, especially contagious diseases, is needed.

I offered an amendment to our DOD authorization bill, a critical bill for our troops, that I believe would provide protection for our men and women in uniform. This amendment was cosponsored by Senator HUTCHINSON of Texas, Senator MIKULSKI of Maryland, Senator LINCOLN of Arkansas, Senator SARBANES of Maryland, and Senator ROBERTS of Kansas. All of them have cosponsored it. They recognize that it would ensure that our troops receive the protection they require. We have seen DOD study the matter twice; we have seen the Institute of Medicine issued opinion; former Surgeon General Satcher recommended the building of a GOCO.

All of these independent evaluations have concluded the same, and it is simply this: The private sector, for all of the good that it does, cannot, against some of the boutique biological pathogens and threats that may exist now and in the future against our troops and against our civilian population, and will not in the future see this as a profitable commercial venture.

The insurance for the American people, and the insurance for our men and women in uniform, is to have a Government-owned production facility, contractor-operated, to ensure that vaccine will always be available if and when it is needed.

I will withdraw the amendment I have offered. However, I will continue to bring this issue before the Senate. Our troops deserve more, I believe, than they are getting right now, and I intend to continue to pursue this issue as long as it takes until our troops are protected, whether it is through the homeland security bill or the Defense appropriations bill or other vehicles we may have, because this is vitally important.

It is important for our country. It is important for our troops. It is the right thing to do. We have waited too long to act, and should delay no longer.

AMENDMENT NO. 4069 WITHDRAWN

Mr. HUTCHINSON. I ask unanimous consent to withdraw my amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The amendment is withdrawn.

Mr. HUTCHINSON. I thank the Chair, and I yield the floor.

Mr. LEVIN. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NOTICE

Incomplete record of Senate proceedings. Except for concluding business which follows, today's Senate proceedings will be continued in the next issue of the Record.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2002

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 9:30 a.m., Friday, June 28; that immediately following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate be in a period for morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. There will be no rollcall votes tomorrow. There will be morning business. The next rollcall vote will occur Tuesday morning, July 9.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. REID. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate

stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:32 p.m., adjourned until Friday, June 28, 2002, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate June 27, 2002:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

LINDA ELLEN WATT, OF FLORIDA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be admiral

VICE ADM. EDMUND P. GIAMBASTIANI JR., 0000

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate June 27, 2002:

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be general

GEN. RALPH E. EBERHART

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major general

BRIGADIER GENERAL ROBERT DAMON BISHOP, JR.
BRIGADIER GENERAL ROBERT W. CHEDISTER
BRIGADIER GENERAL TRUDY H. CLARK
BRIGADIER GENERAL RICHARD L. COMER
BRIGADIER GENERAL CRAIG R. COONING
BRIGADIER GENERAL SCOTT S. CUSTER
BRIGADIER GENERAL FELIX DUPRE
BRIGADIER GENERAL EDWARD R. ELLIS
BRIGADIER GENERAL LEONARD D. FOX
BRIGADIER GENERAL TERRY L. GABRESKI
BRIGADIER GENERAL MICHAEL C. GOULD
BRIGADIER GENERAL JONATHAN S. GRATTON
BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM W. HODGES
BRIGADIER GENERAL DONALD J. HOFFMAN
BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN L. HUDSON
BRIGADIER GENERAL CLAUDE R. KEHLER
BRIGADIER GENERAL CHRISTOPHER A. KELLY
BRIGADIER GENERAL PAUL J. LEBRAS
BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN W. ROSA, JR.
BRIGADIER GENERAL RONALD F. SAMS
BRIGADIER GENERAL KEVIN J. SULLIVAN
BRIGADIER GENERAL MARK A. WELSH III
BRIGADIER GENERAL STEPHEN G. WOOD

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. JOHN M. URIAS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADES INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. GEORGE W. S. READ